

IV. REMARKS

In the office action, corrections were required in the specification to provide a rewritten Abstract, and to provide for a description of Figure 12 in the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS. The rewritten abstract and the description of Figure 12 are provided in this amendment, thereby to meet the requirements for correction of the specification.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9 and 13-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being patentable over Citta (U5 5,534,938) in view of Fimoff (US 5,987,070) for reasons set forth in the office action. Claims 3, 6-8 and 10-12 wherein said to have allowable subject matter.

With respect to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103, it is noted that the combined teachings of Citta and Fimoff are directed to the construction of a broadcasting "interface" in which data is transmitted from a central location simultaneously to a very large number of receiving stations, which receiving stations may be hundreds of kilometers from the central location. The interface of the present invention is located between circuit components of a relatively small, portable electronic device, in which interface signals are to be communicated a relatively small distance such as a few millimeters. The circuitry of the invention accomplishes objectives of reducing power consumption and electromagnetic interference at the interface, as is explained in the present specification, beginning on page 4. There is nothing in the combined teachings of Citta and Fimoff to suggest that their circuitry would reduce power consumption and electromagnetic interference in an interface of a relatively small portable electronic device. Therefore, there would be no motivation to

combine the two references, nor to apply their teachings in the situation of the present invention.

In order to emphasize the foregoing distinction, claims 1, 9, 15 and 16 are amended to emphasize the presence of the invention in the portable terminal of the telecommunications system. This is believed to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103 to secure allowance of these claims and the claim depending therefrom.

The Examiner has indicated the presence of allowable subject matter in claim 3, and also in claims 6-8 and 10-12. While the Examiner has not indicated exactly what limitation in claim 3 is directed to the allowable subject matter, it appears that the allowable subject matter relates to the use of a selection signal line providing reverse polarity signals for alternative operation of the first transmitter and the second transmitter. Accordingly, there is provided a new claim 19 which is a combination of claim 1 plus a limitation relating to the selection process, namely, selection means connected to enable terminals of said primary and said secondary transmitters for enabling these transmitters alternately with one of the transmitters being enabled while the other of the transmitters is disabled. Accordingly, claim 19 is believed to be allowable.

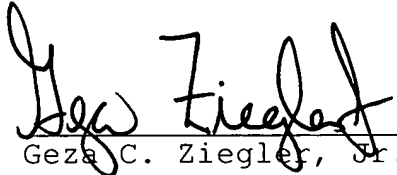
Also, a further claim 20 is provided, which sets forth the interface with reduction of power consumption and reduction of electromagnetic interference as set forth in the foregoing argument. Claims 20 is believed to be allowable view of the foregoing argument.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are

clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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